

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on January 4, 2006, claims 1, 6, 8, 12, 14-22, 25-31, 70-74, 76, 103-107, 109, 130-151 were allowed. The Examiner indicated that the application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, and that prosecution on the merits is closed. The Applicants express their appreciation to the Examiner for his assistance in bringing this application to allowance.

Claims 1, 6, 8, 12, 14-22, 25-31, 70-74, 76, 103-107, 109, 130-151 are pending in this application and have been allowed. By the foregoing amendment, claims 15, 18, 31 and 103 have been amended to correct formal matters as identified by the Examiner. No new matter has been added. If any additional changes are required, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned representative. Claims 3, 4, 32-61, 64, 77-94, 97 and 110-129 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer for filing in a continuation application. Claims 2, 5, 7, 9-11, 13, 23-24, 62-63, 65-69, 75, 95-96, 98-102 and 108 have been previously canceled.

Conclusion

All outstanding formal matters having been addressed above, issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative at the number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby

authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referring to client-matter number 025780-00001.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Juliana Haydoutova', written over the printed name.

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